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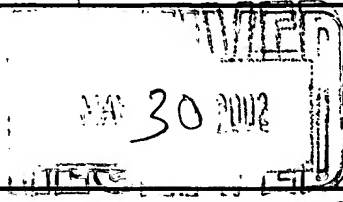
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\_\_\_\_\_ In the event that the Foreign Search Report is in a foreign language, a translation thereof is herewith submitted.

X  Attached hereto is a FORM PTO 1449 listing the references.

X  Attached hereto is a copy of a reference cited in the specification of the application as filed. The specification itself recites the relevance of these documents.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being submitted after receipt of an office action. It is respectfully requested that the required fee be charged to the account of the undersigned: 19-4675.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German application, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. An English translation of the references is also attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The relevancy of each reference can be found in the English language Abstract attached thereto

Respectfully submitted,

  
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